

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COMMISSION

The thirteenth meeting of the Interpreter Licensure Board was held on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission Office, 1630 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

Dana Craig, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. on January 21, 2010.

Members Present:

Dana Craig	Shelley Engstrom-Kestel	Janet Lambert
Somone Bowman	Karen Janssen	
Becki Combs	Paul Menkis	

Members Absent:

Teri Hedding

Interpreters:

Sheila Chapman, CSC	Marilyn Corlett, CSC
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Public:

None

IDHHC Staff Present:

John Miller, Director

II. Approval of Minutes

Becki Combs moved to approve the minutes as stated. Paul Menkis seconded. All in favor: Dana Craig, Somone Bowman, Becki Combs, Shelley Engstrom-Kestel, Karen Janssen and Paul Menkis; Opposed: None; Abstained: None. Motion carried.

Paul Menkis distributed information to the Board regarding a new Video Interpreter group, www.viu.org

III. Elections

Janet Lambert presided over the Licensure Board elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

a. Secretary

Paul Menkis nominated Karen Janssen for the position of Secretary. Karen Janssen declined the nomination. There were no other nominations for Secretary.

Dana Craig, Chair, addressed the Board as to options and adaptations that could possibly be made for the position of Board Secretary. It was noted that Board Secretary is required under the Licensure Law. Among the options noted was having someone else take the minutes during the meeting or record the meeting to assist the Secretary and allow her to participate fully in the meeting. As the Licensure Board is subject to the Open Meeting Act, there must be a summary of discussion not just the recording of motions and votes. Another possibility is using a form to record all motions providing the Secretary with copies of all motions.

Karen Janssen agreed to continue to serve as Board Secretary based on adaptations discussed. There were no additional nominations for Board Secretary. Paul Menkis moved to accept Karen Janssen as Board Secretary by acclamation.

b. Vice Chair

Paul Menkis was nominated for Vice-Chair. He declined the nomination.

Shelley Engstrom-Kestel was nominated for Vice-Chair. She accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chair. She was voted as Vice-Chair by acclamation.

c. Chair

Becki Combs was nominated for Chair and accepted the nomination. She was voted Chair by acclamation.

Becki Combs, Chair resumed the meeting.

IV. Interpreter Coordinator Report

Janet Lambert updated the Licensure Board on the following:

- There have been 13 license upgrades issued since the last Board meeting.
- Of the previously 683 interpreters licensed, 572 have renewed and are active, 108 have an expired license and 3 moved to inactive status.
- Expired licenses can be renewed within 45 days of expiration with a \$60 late fee.
- There have been 20 new licenses issued since the last Board meeting: 3 Master, 12 Advanced, 5 Intermediate and 6 Provisional.

- There is no new information to report regarding Complaints.
 - The Illinois Comptroller website can be accessed to check receipts and expenditures on their website: www.ioc.state.il.us – Fund 0449.
- FY-10 Revenue collected:
\$ 88,470 from license fees, renewals.
- FY-10 Expenditures:
\$ 13,507

IV. Conference Committee Report

The IDHHC Conference for interpreters will be May 21 - 22, 2010. A conference status report was provided to Board members by Shelley Engstrom-Kestel and Becki Combs. The committee continues to work on the schedule, presenters, room set-up, times, etc. IRID will host a reception on Friday night. At this time, no future sub-committee meetings are scheduled.

V. Unfinished Business

a. IDHHC Deaf Interpreter Knowledge Based Test

Information about the Deaf Interpreter Knowledge Based Test was sent to 25 potential applicants. 8 have responded so far. The deadline to respond is 2/1/10.

The Board recessed from 11:00 – 11:25 a.m.

b. State Interpreter Performance Test

Director Miller, Janet Lambert and Becki Combs used a Power Point presentation to review what was learned about the BEI on their recent trip to Texas. The Board reviewed the validity and reliability testing on the BEI based on research conducted by the University of Arizona. The BEI is one of the only testing options with current validity and reliability testing.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Other states such as Missouri, Michigan and Kansas are also looking at the possibility of adopting the BEI. Discussion related to the Rater requirements and how quickly the trainers from Texas could be scheduled to come to Illinois.

The Board recessed at 3:00 p.m. Becki Combs left the meeting at this time.

Shelley Engstrom-Kestel, Vice-Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Shelley Engstrom-Kestel moved the IDHHC Director begin the contract negotiations to bring the Texas BEI to Illinois as the State of Illinois testing tool for sign language interpreters. Karen Janssen seconded. All in favor: Shelley Engstrom-Kestel, Dana Craig, Somone Bowman, Karen Janssen and Paul Menkis; Opposed: None; Abstained: None. Motion carried.

VII. New Business

- a. Amendments to Interpreter Licensure Rules**
- b. Mentorship Programs**

Paul Menkis moved the item VII. New Business of Agenda; a. Amendments to Interpreter Licensure Rules and b. Mentorship Programs be postponed to the next regularly scheduled Licensure Board meeting. Shelley Engstrom-Kestel seconded. All in favor: Shelley Engstrom-Kestel, Dana Craig, Somone Bowman, Karen Janssen and Paul Menkis; Opposed: None; Abstained: None. Motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Becki Combs, Chair

Date

Karen Janssen, Secretary

Date